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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231	Application Number	09/738,042
	Filing Date	December 15, 2000
	First Named Inventor	William N. Partlo et al
	Art Unit	2815
	Examiner Name	Jose R. Diaz
	Attorney Docket Number	2000-0067-1

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. ☒ Previously submittedi. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on April 24, 2003

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☐ Enclosedi. ☐ Amendment/Replyiii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for 750.00 a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other _____

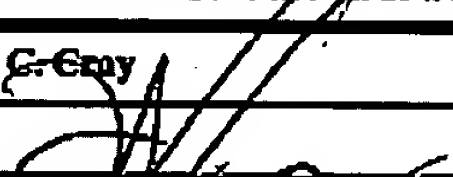
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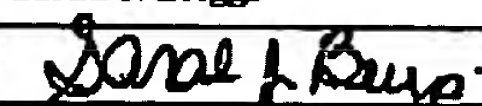
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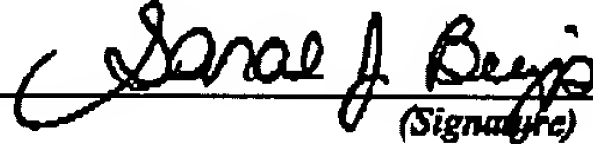
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Serial No. 09/738,042	Filing Date December 15, 2000	Examiner Jose R. Diaz	Group Art Unit 2815
Invention: LINE NARROWED LASER WITH BIDIRECTION BEAM EXPANSION			
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Examiner: Diaz, Jose R.

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Jose R. Diaz
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This letter is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 14, 2003. Please amend the
above-identified application as follows: **FAX RECEIVED**

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In the Specification:

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Please amend the first paragraph on page 4 as follows:

Preferred embodiments of the present invention can be described by reference to the drawings. In this description and in the claims the term "horizontal" shall have the normal dictionary meaning (i.e., parallel to the horizon). Horizon means the "apparent junction of earth and sky". The term "vertical" shall also have the ordinary dictionary meaning of "perpendicular to the plane of the horizon".